

Women's city tourney brings out best

The opening ceremonies for the 77th Detroit Women's Bowling Association City Championship tournament were held March 1 at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

And one of the stars of the show was Altramee (Mickey) Webb, who was selected to throw out the honorary first ball with charity pledges for each pin felled.

Needless to say, she rolled a strike, so the bowling charities received the maximum in the pledge amount.

Another star was 103-year-old Jerean Talley of Ecorse, now the oldest sanctioned bowler on record in the nation (including men) in the American Bowling Congress.

She is also the captain and lead-off bowler for her team at Cherry Hill Lanes. She was given the honor of cutting the ribbon to mark the official opening for this year's event.

DWBA secretary Rose Marsh



Ten Pin Alley
Al Harrison

announced she will be retiring from this post after many, many years of service to the women bowlers of the greater Detroit area.

Rose was totally involved in many other tasks, organizing various functions, including the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame committee, and awards banquets.

The 77th DWBA tournament champions will be honored at a banquet on June 12 at DeCarlo's Warren Chateau.

In the Sunday Youth Classic Traveling League is staging a reunion for its alumni this summer at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

and successful bowlers ever, some of whom have gone on to the highest levels of competition, including the men's and women's pro tours.

For more information, call Ed Wright at (248) 477-5047.

The Professional Bowlers Association is currently hosting the World Championships at Taylor Lanes.

It will culminate with the live TV finals at 12:30 p.m. today on ESPN.

The 53rd Annual Hamtramck Singles Classic is under way at Hazel Park Bowl.

The event, which runs through July 27, features a guaranteed top prize of \$25,000.

It is one of the largest amateur pin-offs around. Even 50th place still earns \$1,000, which is about the amount usually earned for a first- or second-place finish in many other bowling tournaments elsewhere.

Singles will run each Saturday and Sunday.

To make a reservation or organize a squad, call (248) 546-0070 or 1-800-821-9217.

The recent Senior/Youth Challenge, videotaped and edited by Ted Kress of Redford, will air this coming week on Time Warner Cable (Channel 12 in Livonia and Redford only).

Some of the sound had to be replaced by music, because it's difficult to get clear sound in a bowling environment due to the heavy sounds of rolling balls, crashing pins and background conversation.

Special microphones are necessary to get the sound right and, hopefully, next February it will be available.

Dates and times are not known, so check the local access (Channel 12) daily listing during the next two weeks.

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MHSAA NEWS

Boys Basketball Finals Tickets Go On Sale March 3 - Public sale of tickets for the 2003 Michigan High School Athletic Association Boys Basketball Semifinals and Finals begins on March 3 exclusively through the Breslin Student Events Center Box Office.

The semifinals will take place in the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing on March 20 and 21, with the finals on March 22. The Class C semifinals will take place in a doubleheader on March 20, with games at 1 p.m. and 2:50 p.m. The Class D semis are that evening, with games at 6 p.m. and 7:50 p.m. On March 21, the Class A semifinals begin the day with a twin bill at 1 p.m. and 2:50 p.m., followed by games in Class B at 6 p.m. and 7:50 p.m.

Tickets for all semifinal games are \$6 each per session. Tickets for final games on March 22 are sold in an all-day package, priced at \$21. The Class D-C doubleheader leads off the day, with the D championship at 10 a.m., with the C title game to follow at about 12 noon. At 4 p.m., the Class A finals will be contested; and the Class B session winds up the weekend at 8 p.m.

Single session tickets for the finals will be sold during the semifinals, subject to availability. Single session final tickets are \$7 each.

For more information, contact the Breslin Student Events Center Box Office at (517) 432-5000 or (1-800) 966-2737.



The members of the Farmington Hills Spartans hockey team are (front row, left to right) Kyle Brandon, Joel Mattana, Connor Carey, (second row) Austin Murtland, Derick Guminick, Aaron McIntyre, Andrew Reuth, Kyle Abasillah, (third row) Ben Ferrari, Matt Zulch, James Long, Jake Atkinson, Liam Vincent, Ryan Carlson, (back row) coaches Scott Brandon, Randy Abdallah, Tom Zulch and Bob Mattana.

Spartans win district hockey crown

The Farmington Hills Spartans won the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District IV championship Feb. 16 by defeating the Novi Cougars in the final at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia, 4-3.

The Spartans, who had an 8-1-1 record in the district play-offs, will leave Thursday for the Upper Peninsula town of Negaunee to compete in the MAHA state tournament.

The Spartans, who are the first Farmington Hills Hockey Association house team to reach that level, are one of eight

Pee Wee B teams vying for the state title.

In pool play, the Spartans are guaranteed three games and will be playing teams from Westland, St. Clair Shores and the Iron Mountain Hockey Association.

If the Spartans finish first or second, they advance to the next round and continue playing through Sunday.

In the first round of the district play-offs, the Spartans defeated the Southfield Blackhawks, 3-0; the Kensington Stars, 8-2; the

Redford Rattlesnakes, 7-0; and the Livonia Flyers, 4-1. In the middle of those games, they lost to the Livonia Wild, 3-2.

The Spartans defeated the Lakeland Wolfpack in the second round, 6-1. After tying the Cougars, 1-1, they beat the Kensington Spartans, 7-0, and the Wild in a rematch, 3-0.

Following the state tournament, the Spartans will continue with the Little Caesars tournament in which they have advanced to the second round with a 5-0 record.



District champions

Farmington High School's varsity volleyball team defeated Farmington's Mercy and Southfield to win a Class A district tournament March 1 at Farmington. The members of the team are (front row, left to right) Deanna Gauer, Jill Alsopach, Jessica Leach, Rachel Heinrich, Jessica Janowicz, Marisa Mattheys, (back row, left to right) coach Alex Perrin, Brittney Coleman, Alison Kahrnoff, Melissa Patterson, Katy Johnson, Angie Schoener, Lisa Hellebuyck, Mallory Annarino and manager Megan Kish. Not pictured is assistant coach Kim Sturmm.

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